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To whom it may concern,

Eastern Connecticut State University is pleased to submit our current Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System (STARS) report which documents our sustainability accomplishments since our 2021 submission.

I am proud of Eastern's sustainability leadership, accomplishments. We have pledged to become carbon neutral and improve climate resilience through our Climate Commitment as part of the University Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitment Program run by Second Nature. Eastern's 2020 Climate Action Plan established 2030 as our target year for reaching carbon neutrality. While there is much work ahead, we have made good progress and will continue to increase the integration of sustainability into our curriculum, enhance campus and community engagement, and improve efficiencies and carbon-free initiatives in our operations.

The information in our STARS report has been compiled by Eastern's Green Campus Committee under the coordination of the Institute for Sustainability. I am grateful to the following colleagues who contributed data to this STARS report and help lead sustainability initiatives on our campus. This list reflects Eastern's interdisciplinary and collaborative approach to sustainability.

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The entire submission has been checked for accuracy by Dr. Patricia Szczys and Dr. Steve Nathan, and the Operations Category submissions have also been checked for accuracy by Renee Theroux-Keech. Margaret Bounds, Director of Sustainability at Connecticut College, and Jennifer Kleindienst, Sustainability Director at Wesleyan University, also performed an audit on our report prior to submission as a part of the PA-4 Reporting Assurance credit.

Thank you for this opportunity to report on our sustainability performance.

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